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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 05-Dec-03

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)	ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
12-01	2,191	5.72	61-72	64.40	7,528
12-02	2,221	5.58	60-75	64.49	8,057
12-03	1,992	5.47	60-77	64.18	7,711
12-04	2,198	5.46	61-77	65.16	8,259
12-05	2,444	5.78	61-73	65.14	7,693
Weekly	11,044	5.61	Cumulative:	64.68	39,248

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, week of 08-Dec-03

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	62.26	61.25	49.73
Chicago	59.29	59.00	45.02
Detroit	59.00	58.80	44.45
Los Angeles	71.79	72.05	64.51
Composite Weighted Average	66.01	65.37	53.73

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 05-Dec-03

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	145.16	3,128,762
Tenderloins	144.86	628,340
Breast - With Ribs	82.02	760,163
Breast - Line Run	76.16	491,160
Legs	37.88	1,312,321
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	29.72	1,574,885
Drumsticks	38.73	593,515
Thighs	40.59	273,680
B/S Thighs	89.05	307,700
Wings (Whole)	99.82	657,435

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 29-Nov-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	207,122	203,078	202,537	193,272	196,586
Chicks Placed	164,879	156,686	161,690	165,164	157,538

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 29-NOV-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	118,334	151,254	115,454
Average Live Weight	5.35	5.25	4.98
To Date 2003 (000)	7,356,358	7,238,024	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	7,418,921	7,303,467	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on **October 31, 2003** were down 6% from last month and down 21% from last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down slightly from last month and down 30% from last year's level. Total pounds of turkey in freezers decreased 12% from last month and were 8% below last year.

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